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SUBJECT: ALL GOP CHIEFS OF MISSIONS TO SUBMIT RESIGNATIONS

1. THE GOP ANNOUNCED OVER TELEVISION TODAY SEPTEMBER 25 THAT ALL PANAMANIAN CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT THEIR RESIGNATIONS.

2. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL EXPLAINED TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT GENERAL TORRIJOS AND PRESIDENT LAKAS HAD DECIDED UPON THIS ACTION SOME TIME AGO IN ORDER TO REMOVE AS PAINLESSLY AS POSSIBLE THOSE CHIEFS OF MISSION WHOSE SERVICES ARE NO LONGER DESIRED. THE NUMBER OF RESIGNATIONS WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTED WILL APPARENTLY BE CONSIDERABLE. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT AMBASSADOR NICOLAS GONZALEZ REVILLA WILL CONTINUE IN HIS POST.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS AN ACTION INTENDED TO ELIMINATE "DEADWOOD"; SOME OF PANAMA'S OLDER CAREER DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN OUT OF TUNE WITH THE REVOLUTION. THE TIMING, JUST BEFORE THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER 11 COUP, MAY INDICATE A DESIRE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO DISPLAY A MORE VIGOROUS, DYNAMIC IMAGE.

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